Better to weave in the web of life
A bright and golden filling.
And to do God's will with a ready heart
And hands that are swift and willing.
Than to snap the delicate, minute threads
Of our curious lives asunder,
And then blame Heaven for the tangled ends,
And sit and grieve and wonder.

CHARMING CROQUET.

Oh! what is so charming, oh! what is so gay,
In the evening or bright early dawn,
As a nice little game of bewitching croquet
With the girl that you love, on the lawn?
How almbly her ball rolls over the ground,
And swiftly her partner croquets,
And while we are talking she makes her rou
and the enemy quickly slavs.

She never before looked so charming and gay, a Nor displayed so much beauty and grace, As when with her neat little foot she'd croquet, Then witchingly looked in my face. Letthose who prefer have their beer and their

And the season will by and by wane;
And my heart will e'er turn to charming

## THE BLUE AND GRAY.

- Each thin hand resting on a grave,
- Her lips apart in prayer,
  A mother knelt and left her tears
  Upon the violets there;
  O'er many a rood of vale and lawn,
  Of hills and forest gloom,
  The reaper Death had revelled in
  His fearful "harvest home."

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